Overseas investment of oil companies

†1567. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector oil companies have made capital investment in foreign companies in the foreign countries during the last few years;

(b) if so, the names of those public sector companies which have invested in foreign companies by the end of December, 2005 alongwith the amount of such capital investment; and

(c) the capital investment made by the above companies in indigenous oil companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The capital investment made by major public sector oil companies in foreign companies in foreign countries and the capital investment made by these companies in indigenous oil companies is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Company	Amount of investment made in foreign companies	Amount of investment made in indigenous oil companies
ONGC	17,845	1,139
OIL	34	91
IOCL	270	5,528
BPCL	NIL	1,122
HPCL	NIL	821
GAIL	156	753

Import of natural gas

†1568. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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